

## **201 KAR 17:032. Requirements for interim licensure as an audiologist.**

RELATES TO: KRS 334A.185(2)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.080(3), 334A.185(2)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.080(3) requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to promulgate responsible administrative regulations, including administrative regulations which delineate qualifications for licensure and renewal of licensure. This administrative regulation establishes requirements for interim licensure as an audiologist.

Section 1. Education and Experience. (1) Each applicant for interim licensure in audiology in Kentucky shall provide a certified transcript confirming attainment of a Doctorate degree in audiology or a related field, or possess equivalent education as described in subsection (2) of this section, excluding the Au.D. or substantive equivalent from a program accredited by the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association or the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education of the American Academy of Audiology.

(2) An applicant shall have equivalent education if the applicant holds a doctoral degree in audiology, excluding the Au.D., from a program accredited by the Council for Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association or the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education of the American Academy of Audiology.

(3) The applicant shall submit to the board a written description verifying completion of the required academic coursework and supervised clinical experience on the Application for Interim License, with required supporting documentation. Credit shall not be allowed for courses listed on the application unless satisfactory completion is verified by an official transcript. Satisfactory completion shall exist if the applicant has received academic credit (semester hours, quarter hours, or other unit of credit) with a passing grade as defined by the training institution. A signed letter from the department chair or a director of graduate studies confirming all coursework and clinical hours have been met shall be provided if an official transcript is not yet available.

(4) Application for approval of academic coursework and supervised clinical experience shall be made as soon as possible after completion of these experiences, and either before or within thirty (30) days after the postgraduate professional experience is begun.

(5) A written plan for postgraduate professional experience shall be submitted with the application for interim licensure within thirty (30) days after initiating the postgraduate professional experience. The applicant shall proceed to obtain postgraduate professional experience under a supervisor who is a licensed audiologist. An applicant for interim licensure shall submit a completed Application for Interim Licensure to the board.

(6) Postgraduate professional experience.

(a) After completion of academic coursework and clinical practicum, the applicant shall successfully complete a period of postgraduate professional experience.

(b) The experience shall consist of at least thirty-six (36) weeks of full-time professional experience to consist of a minimum of thirty-five (35) work hours a week or its part-time equivalent as follows:

1. At least eighty (80) percent of the major responsibilities during the postgraduate professional experience shall be in direct client contact consultations, recordkeeping, and administrative duties;

2. Postgraduate professional experience shall not total less than 1,260 hours;

3. Once initiated, postgraduate professional experience shall be accumulated within twenty-four (24) months. This may be extended in the event of:

- a. Illness;
  - b. Change in employment status;
  - c. Family care issue; or
  - d. Other extraordinary occurrence impacting one's ability to complete the postgraduate professional experience;
4. Professional experience of less than five hours per week shall not meet the requirement and shall not be counted toward postgraduate professional experience;
5. Experience of more than thirty-five (35) hours per week shall not be used to shorten the postgraduate professional experience to less than thirty-six (36) weeks; and
6. Extension of the postgraduate professional experience may be granted in the event of:
- a. Illness;
  - b. Change in employment status;
  - c. Family care issue; or
  - d. Other extraordinary occurrence impacting one's ability to complete the postgraduate professional experience.
- (3) Supervision shall be completed under the supervision of an individual who holds a valid license in audiology issued by Kentucky or a state that borders Kentucky.
- (a) The postgraduate professional experience supervisor shall not engage in fewer than thirty-six (36) supervisory activities during the postgraduate professional experience.
- (b) This supervision shall include eighteen (18) on-site observations of direct client contact at the interim licensee's work site.
- 1. One (1) hour shall equal one (1) on-site supervision.
  - 2. A maximum of six (6) on-site observations may be accrued in one (1) day.
  - 3. At least six (6) on-site observations shall be accrued during each third of the experience.
  - 4. These on-site observations shall be of the interim licensee providing screening, evaluation, assessment, habilitation, or rehabilitation.
- (c) The supervision shall include eighteen (18) other monitoring activities.
- 1. At least six (6) other monitoring activities shall be completed during each of the three (3) segments of the postgraduate professional experience.
  - 2. These other monitoring activities may be executed by correspondence, review of videotapes or audiotapes, evaluation of written reports, phone conferences with the interim licensee, or evaluations by professional colleagues.
- (d) The supervisor periodically shall conduct a formal evaluation of the applicant's progress in the development of professional skills.
- (4) A person with an interim license shall take and pass a national PRAXIS examination in audiology. Official documentation of scores shall be sent to the board directly from Educational Testing Services. A person with an interim license shall continue to practice under supervision if a successful score is not achieved. If the applicant is unable to obtain a passing score within twenty-four (24) months, the applicant shall seek board approval to continue to practice.

Section 2. Incorporation by Reference. (1) "Application for Interim Licensure", January 2012, is incorporated by reference.

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